PYGMIES MAY BE THE MISSING LINK

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Will the pygmies, brought last week to the World's Fair, prove Darwin's theory of the missing link?

Will a study of the little black children of the African jungles shed light on the theory evolved by Darwin as regards the evolution of the human race?

Doctor WJ McGee, chief of the Anthro pology Department of the World's Fair, is convinced that it will. Students and scientists incline to the

This is the first time that the aboriginal ople of Africa have been brought to an English-speaking country. This is the first opportunity that has been presented

to scientists to study them.

Many characteristics were noticed in the pyrmies that closely resemble the ape or Simlan type. It is believed that the pygmies, who are said to represent the lowest form of human development, are next removed from the Simlan fam-

REASONS FOR THE BELIEF. The reasons given for this are:

The pygmies seldom walk. Their form motion resembles the spring of the monkey. They are agile and are constant-They have a vocabulary of fifty words.

the smallest vocabulary of any race of peoples. The next largest vocabulary known is that of the Central American Indians, who have only 400 words.

The lower portion of the face projects, making the same incline noticed in the

The brain-size is extrermely small, The pygmies represent the smallest in size of any members of the human race. Their height averages from 2 to 4 feet.

FIVE TRIBES REPRESENTED. The pygmies at the World's Fair represent five different tribes of these people. The party includes eight pygmies, eleven

parrots and two monkeys. They are the last of the arrivals to complete the ethnological collection at the

So far the little pygmies discovered in the wilds of Africa by Du Chaillu and might be called the black sheep of

fiber, in the approved jungle fashion have been left untouched, save for the one instance where the pygmies consented to pose for their first photograph.

Visitors who expected to see the pyg-

mies clad in war trappings, much as the American Indian, were disappointed in visiting their camp.

The pygmics looked quite like the eman-

cipated negro of the South. True, there is one cannibal-eating member among Little People From Africa May them, but he appeared quite satisfied with the bananas given him, and did not attempt to devour any of the visitors. None of them bore weapons.

LEARNING VALUE OF COINS.

Then, too, they have learned the values of American currency since leaving their comes in Africa.

Whenever a pygmy appeared outside the canvas tent the passers-by would throw pennies at him. In answer he would only hake his head in disgust and make no effort to pick them up. Whenever a silver piece is tendered to them, they accept it

In their own countries, some of the tribes have a sort of money, made of native shells, much like the American In-

Bringing the pygmies to St. Louis from the heart of Africa represented the most difficult tasks encountered by the Exposition Company in gathering people from the four corners of the earth to the World's Fair.

The man intrusted with the commission of bringing a party of pygmies to the Exposition was the Reverend Samuel P. Verner of Stillman Institute. The Reverend Mr. Verner was accompanied by John Kondola, a native of the Congo Free State, whom the former brought to America five years ago for an English educa-

Kondola is chaperon, interpreter and the present sponser for the party at the World's Fair. Mr. Verner, who is ill in New Orleans with a fever contracted in the jungles, placed the party in charge of Kondola, who brought them to St.

The Reverend Mr. Verner for several years was a missionary in the pygmy country. He has a greater knowledge of the pygmies than any other man who ever visited the country. His arrival in St. Louis is being anxiously awaited by tho Exposition officials, in their eagerness to learn more of the strange little people of

KONDOLA TALKS OF TRIBES. Kondola, who is a native of the country adjacent to the pygmies in Africa, and who was with the Reverend Mr. Verner on his trip, gives the following information concerning the tribes of pygmies represented at the World's Fair:

"Autobank, the smallest member of the party, represents the Betatal tribe, the cannibal-eating tribe of pygmies. When at war with a neighboring tribe they always eat their captives. Autobank is 25 years of age and has a wife and two children

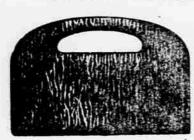
the party, is the son of King Ndombe, the reigning monarch of the Bedingo tribe of pygmies. King Ndombe is the Brigham Young of the pygmies. He has twenty wives and thirty-five children. "Each wife possesses her own little bam-

"Prince Lananau, another member of

boo home "With the exception of Autobank, Strangers and Visitors in St. Louis Are Cordially Invited Citizens Are Requested to Come and Bring Their Friends

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BROADWAY AND LOCUST.





John Kndola (on the left), an ative of the Congo Free State, inmember of the cannibal tribe at t he World's Fair.

World's Fair visitors.

Since their arrival in St. Louis a week

ago their domicile has been a tent; their

clothing American. Visitors have passed them by with the remark: "Louisiana niggers." A little wooden fence encircles their tent. This has been built to protect the pet monkeys and parrots from kind-hearted persons who wished to feed them

crackerisck, chewing gum and water-Visitors lean on the fence and admire the monkeys and parrots. They venture ever these little black children of the jungle consent to leave their tent for exhibition purposes. But the casual ob-server sees neither that which is interesting nor novel in these aborigines of

WEARING CIVILIZED CLOTHING. Coming from the tropics, the cool summer showers of Missouri have made them giad to don the warmer clothing of civflization. For the first time in their lives

they have worn shoes and stockings.

Their American dress has detracted much from what the preconceived idea of the visitors to the World's Fair had cted from the little black savages. Expected from the little black savages.

The little skirts made of paim leaf hunting all wild game. Elephants, lions,

terpreter for the Pygmies. Auto bank, on the right, is the only

Stanley, have become little known to party, the customs and habits of the pygmies are much the same.
"The two important events which merit

a celebration by the pygmies is the death dance, which continues for two or three days, as the case may be, when one of their number dies.
"If the deceased is a King or great warrior he is buried on the third day after his death. If the dead pygmy happens to be just an ordinary citizen he is buried

the second day. "The dance on this occasion represents one of the unique ceremonies of the pyg-mies. At this time they don their fancy head dress, made of the brilliantly col-ored plumage of the tropical birds; their

in a tribe none of them could be induced to leave their homes, for the fear that the evil spirit of the deceased would work them injury.
"Even though starvation stared them in

best-made palm-leaf garments.

"Another important celebration in the lives of the pygmies takes place on the return of the hunters from the forest which comprise some times two weeks' time. The pygmies have one method of

the face, nothing could induce them to start on a hunt during this time of mourn-



Shambo (on the left) and Prince Lunanau. Shambo is the smallest Pygmy in the party at the Fair. The Prince is the son of King Ndombe. They are attired in their "society" clothes, for their first pose before the camera.

BY DOCTOR WJ McGEE,

Chief of the World's Fair Department of Anthropology.

The Batwa Pygmles and other Congo natives were selected especially to illustrate an early stage in human development. Furing the last half century of students have become convinced that mankind sprang from some lower ancestor of Simian or Pithecoid character—i. e., an organism related to ages or Within the last ten or fifteen years anthropologists have come to realize the fact that the different races and peoples of the earth represent different stages or degrees of advancement from this early or ancestral form, • and the different peoples assembled on the Exposition grounds have been ov as may be of these stages. The Batwa Pygmies • representing the aborigines of Africa, have thus far received little attention • from students, but, so far as can be determined, they approach more nearly to
 the ancestral type than any other known people. They are prognathous—that
 is, the lower portion of the face projects and the forehead retreats in a manner allying them with Simians more closely than with advanced humans. The . brain-size is small, approaching the Simian standard. The forelimbs are relatively longer than among most humans, in which character also they approach the Simian standards, and in habitual movements and attitudes many other resemblances to the human prototype inferred from researches on man and 4 lower animals may be found by the careful observer.

************************* tigers, snakes monkeys and all the wild beasts that inhabit the jungles are captured in the same manner, by aid of an

The net is stretched between trees. It is made from trailing vines of the forest or a finely manufactured net of wover paim leaf fiber. The animal in the darkness of the forest stumbles into the net and gives up its life. The pygmies, who are quicker in their actions than even the spring of the tiger, rush upon him and spear him to death with their poisoned bows and arrows. If one of the larger animals, it is at once dressed for the fire and after being sufficiently cooked, is cut into pieces and divided among the hun-In this manner it is carried to their

With the arrival of the Reverend Mr. Verner in St. Louis, which, it is expected, will be within another week, the pygmien will build their home on the Indian grounds at the World's Fair. It will be sullt of native brushwood and bamboo After this is done they will pursue housekeeping after the same fashion as they do in the interior of Africa, untouched by any of the modern influence of civiliza-

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ASSASSINATED Boston Man Killed in Province of Porto Principe.

Washington, July 9 .- Minister Squiers, at Havana has informed the State De-partment of the assassination on June 10 of Alfred P. Simmons of Boston, Mass., at Cascorro, in the Province of Puerto Robbery was supposed to be the motive for the crime.

Mr. Squiers says he earnestly urged the

municative people. They spend their even-ings in stience outside their arrow weed houses. The men smoke and the women rest after the toil of the day. They sleep on the floor of their huts, wrapped in blankets no matter how hot the weather

The Wichitas have a high, conical grass lodge. Around its side are eight board bunks, on which they sleep, wrapped in the inevitable blanks. Before bedtime comes the children sit on these couches and stare with big eyes at the smoldering embers in the center of the lodge, while the women but the babies to sleep with werd, crooning songs. The men are generally on the Pike.

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The best place of all to spend the evening is with the Pawnees in their large madhouse. Here the men, women and children gather around the fire, while the gray heads, one after another, tell tales of hunting, battle, and adventure, with quaint animal fables about the bear, the buffalo, the fox, and the deer.

The Puebio Indians from New Mexico, who come from the farthest south, have struck up a great friendship with the men from the far North, the Indians from Vancouver Island. There are three of these men, and they come over to Pedro's tent and talk to him in English.

Sometimes they bring their song-drum, made from a hollowed tree-trank, and covered with buckskin, and their drumstick Candles are lighted, and each takes the drum in turn and sings a song. The men participate in the ceremony, and the women sit back in the spandows, listening in silence. The Pueblos sing one at a time, but the Vancouver men always sing in chorus, one beating the drum, while the others keep time by heating the buck of one hand into the palm of another.

WRONG TRACK.

Had To Switch.

Even the most careful person is apt to get on the wrong track regarding food sometimes and has to switch over.

When the right food is selected the hest of alls that come from improper food and drink disappear, even where the trouble has been of lifelong standing.

"From a child I was never strong and had a capricious appetite and I was allowed to eat whatever I fancied—rich cake, highly seasoned food hot biscults, etc.—so it was not surprising that my digestion was soon out of order and at the age of 33 I was on the verge of nervous prostration. I had no appetite and as I had been losing strength decause I ddn't get nourishment in my daily food to repair the wear and tear on body and brain I had no reserve force to fall back on lost flesh rapidly and no medicine helped me.

"Then it was a wise physician ordered."

Mr. Squiers says he earnestly urged the Government to arrest all suspicious persons, particularly in view of the murder of J. C. Bradley, another American, whose murderers are still at large, in spite of the strenuous efforts on the part of the Government for their detection and arrest. In this last case several arrests have been made, and Mr. Squiers believes that the guilty parties have been secured.

RIGHT IN INDIAN CAMP

Red Men Lose Their Reserve and Tell Tales of War.

The Indians on the reservation at the World's Fair, after nightfall, lose the reserve, which they assume all day and behave much more naturally than when they feel themselves under surveillance. Most of the Indians take supper between 8 and 9 o'clock, after which they amuse far into the night.

The Arizona Indians, the Pimas, Maricopas, and Cocopas, are a quiet, uncom-